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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Ms. Alva Smith
Central Enforcement Docket
Federal Elections Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR5198

Dear Ms. Smith:

Per our telephone conversation I am enclosing a copy of the Statement of Designation of Counsel on behalf of U.S. Bank National Association a named Respondent in this above referenced MUR. As I indicated I have just been retained and received the Complaint on May 2, 2001. I therefore request an extension of time in which to provide the Commission with reasons why no action should be taken against U.S. Bank on this matter. An extension until May 31, 2001 is requested.

The records that are the subject of the Complaint are currently located at separate locations in the State of Washington. In addition, the Complaint in this matter is based upon selective information taken from a news report that in turn misinterprets documents previously filed with the Commission. I am advised that the facts set forth in the Complaint are incomplete and incorrect and it will take the additional time requested to obtain and review the loan files in order to provide the Commission with correct and accurate information.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Donald T. Bucklin

Enclosure

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